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No Further Cleanup at Mare Island Elementary School

In 2003, the Vallejo Unified School District along with the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) held a workshop and provided literature for parents and teachers to inform them of environmental issues that had been found during investigation at the school site. DTSC is sending out this informational fact sheet to update the community regarding investigations and work recently completed at Mare Island Elementary School (School). Mare Island Elementary School is located at 9th and Tisdale on Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, California (see map on page 3).

DTSC concluded that no further investigation or cleanup is necessary at the School. This is based on review of information provided by the previous investigations and previous cleanup activities.

Proposed Property Transfer to the Vallejo Unified School District

The Mare Island Elementary School site is being considered for transfer from the Navy to the Vallejo Unified School District. The site was investigated by the Navy and Vallejo City Unified School District for contamination from past practices. DTSC has concluded from the review of Navy site investigations as well as the school district environmental site assessment no further investigation or cleanup is necessary for unrestricted use of the site including use as a school. The Navy is currently pursuing transfer of the site to the Vallejo Unified School District.

Site History, Background and Cleanup

The Mare Island Elementary School property which is owned by the United States Navy (Navy) and is currently being leased to the Vallejo Unified School District. The property had various historical uses throughout the years while the former Mare Island Shipyard was an active base. In the 1930s, a large portion of the site was used by the Navy to house the above-ground fuel storage tank. The tank later was used for water storage to test equipment for the shipyard. A fuel pump house and associated fuel oil piping was built and ran under the current school site. The original elementary school was constructed in 1976 and later expanded and renovated in 1986.

The above ground storage tank was removed in 1978 by the Navy. The Navy conducted an investigation for the remaining fixtures and the associated piping in the mid to late 1990s. The investigation discovered soil contaminated with petroleum hydrocarbon products (TPH). In 2001, the Navy removed the portions of the subsurface fuel oil pipeline and TPH impacted soil. During the removal, the Navy also found sandblast abrasive material in subsurface soils. The sandblast abrasive, commonly known as green sand was used previously at the school site as pipeline and utility trench fill material. The green sand was collected and removed to an offsite disposal facility.

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In 2003, a separate area of green sand TPH contaminated soil was identified in an area bordering the south-west side of the school. Cleanup was immediately done and completed in August 2003. The contaminated soil was removed and transported offsite to a certified landfill.

The Navy issued in June of 2006 a Final Site Inspection Report for the Mare Island Elementary School site. This report summarized previous investigations and cleanup work, and concluded that no further investigation or cleanup was necessary for property transfer.

Information Repositories

All of the documents pertaining to this site and other related documents may be viewed at the following locations:

J.F.K Library

505 Santa Clara Street
Vallejo, CA 94590
707-553-5568 Reference Desk

Department of Toxic Substances Control

700 Heinz Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94710
File Room: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
By appointment only (510) 540-3800

For More Information

Please contact any of the following individuals with any questions or concerns you may have regarding this fact sheet.

For questions regarding the cleanup activities at the school site, please contact Mr. Charles (Chip) Gribble, DTSC Project Manager, at (510) 540-3773 or by e-mail at cgribble@dtsc.ca.gov.

For questions regarding the public participation activities, please contact Ms. Michelle Trotter, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, toll-free at (866) 495-5651 or at (916) 255-6441 or by e-mail at mtrotter@dtsc.ca.gov.

For questions from the media, please contact Ms. Angela Blanchette, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (510) 540-3732 or by e-mail at Ablanche@dtsc.ca.gov.

Anuncio

Si prefiere hablar con alguien en español acerca de esta información, favor de llamar a Jesus Cruz, Especialista en Participación Pública del Departamento de Control de Substancias Tóxicas. El número de teléfono es (916) 255-3315 or Gratis **1 (866) 495-5651**.

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